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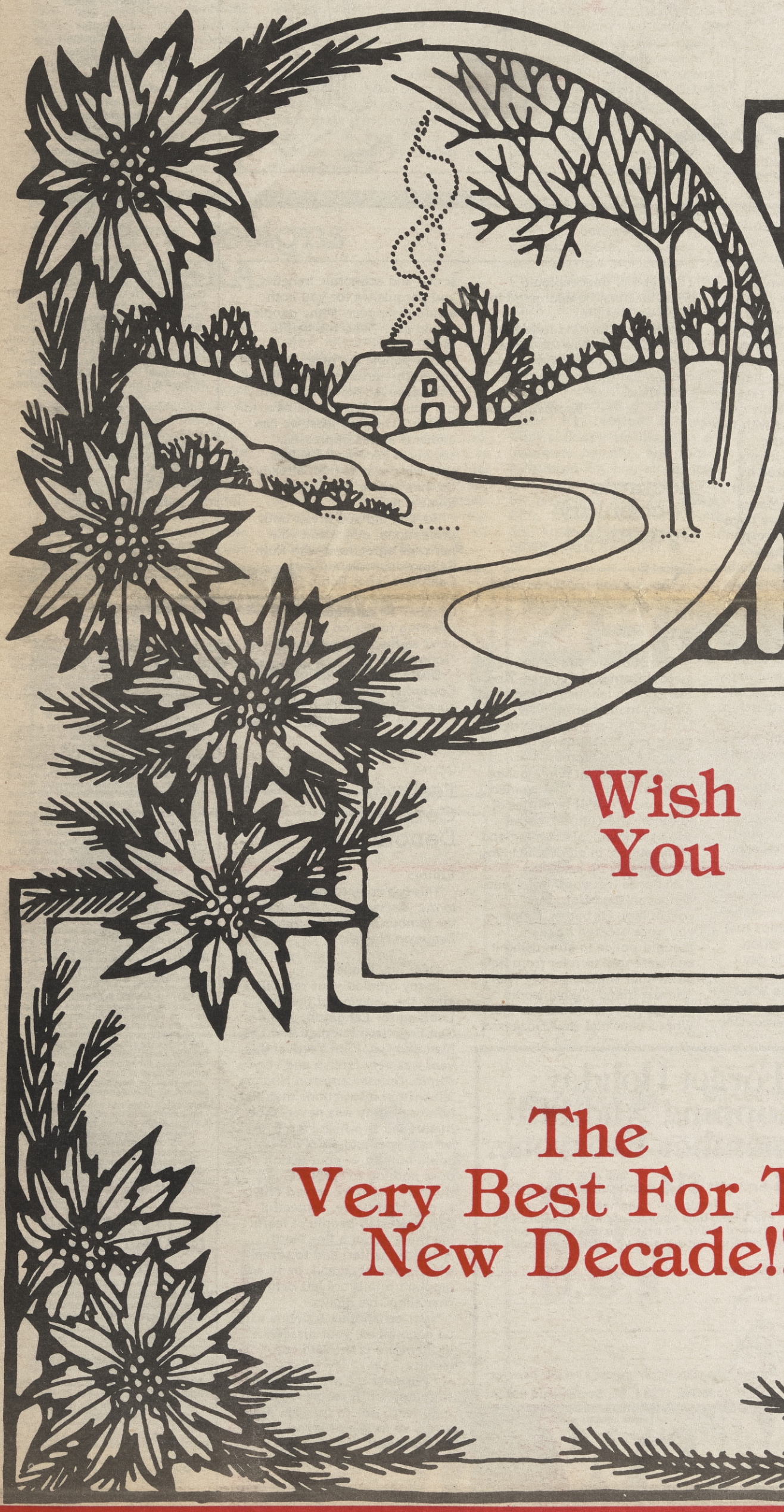

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MGW WRITE

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Editor:
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John Moore
Hope House

Couple Denied Joint Credit

Dear Editor:
This is a copy of the letter sent to Nordstrom's credit office regarding joint credit accounts.

Dear Karen Bowman,

You are the individual to whom I was I was told to address my concern. It is over an incident I had with your company on Sunday, November 27, 1989.

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I will look forward to hearing from you regarding the actual policy that your company holds concerning the need to solve this crisis.

Norman Lorenz

Accurate Vocabulary Demanded

Editor:
This is a copy of the letter I sent to Dan Rather at CBS News.

Mr. Rather:

The odds are you're married — to a woman, of course. And the English language hands you a ready-made term for her: wife! I'm sure you use it. Your friends use it too. It acknowledges, and continually reinforces, a somewhat special relationship between you and "that woman." It is a word full of centuries of tradition and cultural, social and psychological meaning and implications, in all of which you share simply by using it.

Suppose the word "wife" suddenly vanished from the vocabulary. Or better, suppose you were ordered by the thought police to stop using it and were told to refer from now on to your wife as simply your "closest friend." What would you lose? What would she lose? What would that say? Dozens of social and economic benefits and perquisites for you both would disappear. Many people would ask, "Who the hell is that?"

Gay people are given no such culturally nurtured and polished and approved words to identify our spouses. We always have to explain. The very least we can demand of this oppressive society is accuracy. Besides, **that** word stands high already in the journalistic pantheon. Remember?

So why did you break both professional ethics and your personal agreement with Ruth Rabinowitz in Santa Cruz, California, after Robin Ortiz was horriby crushed to death in the October 17 earthquake, by referring to her on national news as the dead woman's "roommate"?

Dishonest, Dan Rather! Weak! Cowardly! Invalidating! Inaccurate! Faithless! Outrageous!

Glenn D. Rice

Festival Censorship Denounced

Editor:
This is a copy of the letter I sent to the "overseers" of the estate of the famous beach poet/tutor Langston Hughes.

Dear Mr. Tenney:

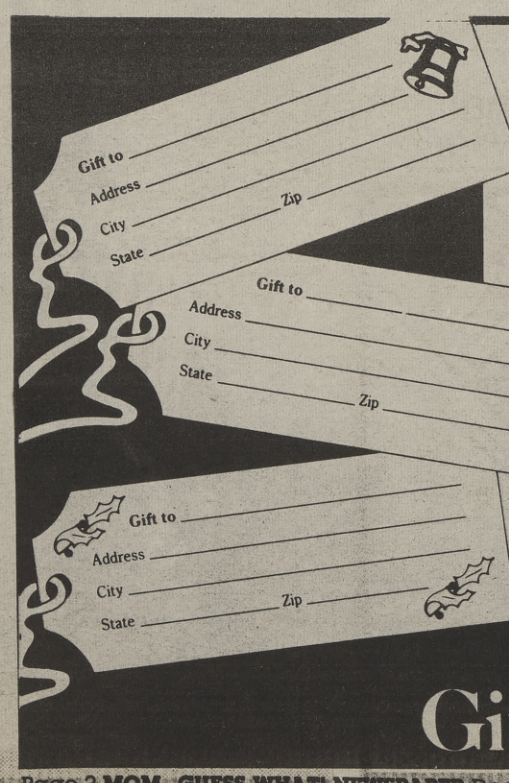
In my opinion your refusal to allow the showing of the film, **Looking for Langston,** at the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival this year was very foolish and very stupid. Unless Langston Hughes left written instructions that his homosexuality was never to be mentioned — which I am sure he as a poet and artist did not, could not, do — your action does nothing to "protect" Mr. Hughes. You have served only to deprive sincere, respectful and interested people of learning more about a fine North American writer; and to reveal what incredibly small, petty and ignorant minds are left behind, "handling" his affairs.

Your censorious action is to be denounced; your disservice to literature is beneath contempt.

"For here we are not afraid to follow truth wherever it may lead, nor to tolerate any error, so long as reason is left to combat it."

— Thomas Jefferson

Glenn D. Rice



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HUD Prohibits Discrimination Based On Sexual Preference

A new labor contract between the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) contains a prohibition against discrimination based on sexual preference and/or orientation. This contract will provide protection for more than 10,000 into the contract because Federal laws prohibiting discrimination do not cover sex-

"We had to negotiate this prohibition against discrimination into the contract because Federal laws prohibiting discrimination do not cover sexual preference or orientation and there appeared no chance of gaining protection of new laws under the Bush Administration" noted Barbara Davidson, President of AFGE Local 476 at HUD Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The article covering leave expanded the definition of family to include "any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship." This broadened definition of family will allow HUD employees in non-traditional relationships the same leave benefits that have been enjoyed by others for years, including participating in the leave sharing program to care for a family member related by affinity and not by blood. ■

Sodomy Laws Targeted

ATLANTA, GA... Lesbian and gay and AIDS activists from around the country will converge on Atlanta on January 8 and 9, 1990 where demonstrators will demand repeal of sodomy laws in 25 states on the opening day of the 1990 Georgia Legislature.

The Hardwick case originated in Atlanta with the arrest of Michael Hardwick who was having sex with a consenting adult male in the privacy of his bedroom. In summer 1989, a heterosexual man was released from a Georgia jail after serving 18 months of a sentence for having consensual oral sex with his wife. Though his conviction was overturned in September, Georgia's gay and lesbian community was outraged at the court ruling which said the sodomy laws would not be applied to heterosexual married persons. On January 9, demonstrators will demand that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) expand the definition of AIDS beyond its current and largely arbitrary categories of "AIDS" and "AIDS Related Complex" (ARC). Many states extend social and medical benefits to only people with CDC-defined AIDS or ARC, excluding people with other HIV-related illnesses. Clinical drug trials, disability and insurance benefits, and locally-subsidized housing all require a CDC definition of AIDS or ARC for eligibility. For information: Chip Rowan, ACT UP/Atlanta, 685 Argonne Street, Atlanta, GA 30308, (404) 873-1097. ■

Gays and Lesbians In The Armed Forces Need Your Help Now!!

Following the October 18 release of "Nonconforming Sexual Orientations and Military Suitability," an internal Department of Defense (DoD) report which openly criticizes the DoD policy of excluding and discharging gay men and lesbians from the Armed Forces, the Pentagon is extremely vulnerable to political pressure to rescind its homophobic and dangerous policy. Senators and Representatives need to hear from constituents that the Pentagon must implement all recommendations of the PERSEREC report, authored by Theodore Sarbin and Kenneth Karols. The authors state, "Under prevailing social conditions, a public admission of homosexuality carries less stigma than in earlier times, and is no legal bar to most employment...Our studied conclusion is that the military services will soon be asked by the courts or the Congress to re-examine their policies and practices regarding recruitment and retention of men and women whose sexual interests deviate from the customary." The PERSEREC report invites Congressional intervention to drag the Pentagon kicking and screaming into the 1990s. Urge your Congressional representatives to work for rescission of the DoD policy of exclusion and discharge. This policy, which declares that "homosexuality is incompatible with military services," was established in 1943 and has accounted for the early discharges — many of them under less than honorable conditions — of 100,000 men and women. Additionally, a 1989 Gallup poll indicated that 60 percent of respondents believed that gay men and lesbians should be allowed to serve in the Armed Forces. ■

O'Leary Resigns From NGRA

Jean O'Leary, executive director of National Gay Rights Advocates, the San Francisco-based public-interest law firm has resigned, it was announced recently at a press conference at NGRA's Castro Street office.

O'Leary, who piloted NGRA to its current position as the nation's large gay rights organization, steps down after eight years as executive director.

In her letter of resignation O'Leary stated, "I urge everyone to continue to support this valuable organization."

Her accomplishments and leadership were lauded by the group's board of directors which accepted the resignation with regret.

Leonard Graff, current NGRA legal director, has been appointed by the board to serve as the organization's interim chief executive officer. William Pratt, current NGRA director of community affairs will assume the responsibility of director of operations in Los Angeles. ■

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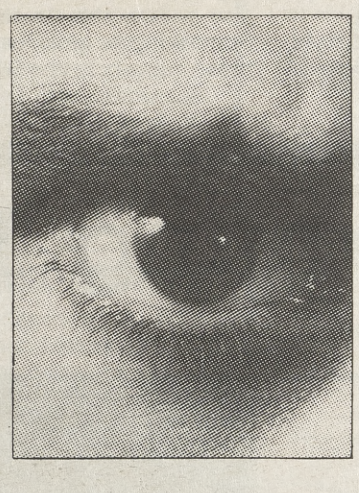
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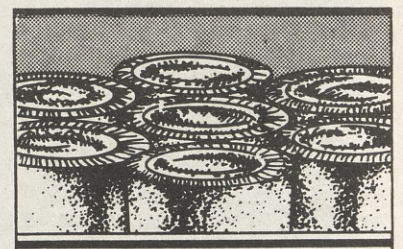
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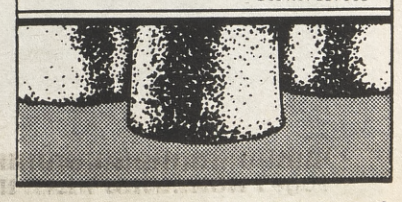


Ballet Nutcracker Features Must-See Young Stars

by John Mello
OF MGW STAFF

Ron Cunningham's production of **The Nutcracker** has raised some high hopes for the future of the Sacramento Ballet in the 90s. After several unsettling changes of artistic directors, let's hope the company keeps Cunningham in the saddle to fulfill the impressive start he has made here.

What we have is a very modest production with plenty of good dancing in it. Tastefully avoiding the awful kitsch of past productions, using the children judiciously and exploits their intelligence, the corps is very promising, and has some exciting young soloists who are going places.

People who come to Nutcracker expecting scenic grandeur had better get over it and concentrate instead on the good dancing this year (those ugly ballgowns, probably from the 1968 production, should be burned respectfully for their years of service). The children in Act I party scene are wonderful, disciplined little dancers, especially Dana Baker as Clara. Keep an eye on that one! The Harlequin and Columbine mechanical dolls were excellent, too.

Ruth Rosenberg created a satisfying, believable ballet grandmother. The other adults, whose acting was a little thin, need to pay more attention to her. In the character of the grandmother, as in the rest of the action, Cunningham makes dance values predominate. The adults lift the children, which is a nice touch, and in Scene 2 I was very gratified to see mice that actually danced instead of the usual thump and lurch that goes on during this thrilling music. The Nutcracker, danced by John Virga, had more dancing than the part usually gets. Here is another young dancer to watch. The only real disappointment of the evening was the undanced wasting of the heavenly adagio music leading into the snowless Land of the Snow. The corps of snowflakes was very precise, only needing more work on mundane things like walking, running and bourree which will come with time.

The best part of the show was the young Snow Queen, danced by Alycia Moore, Sacramento's rising star. Make sure you don't miss her Sugar Plum on the December 15 and 17 evening performances because she will be entering the International Balley Competition in Jackson, Mississippi this summer and who knows where she will be after that. It is amazing to see such musicality, maturity and finesse in one so young. She also danced in the Marzipan shepherdesses in Act II. I hope Cunningham will continue to develop his choreographic ideas in the Act II divertissement. Everyone's cherished holiday tradition is actually quite a different bird every time it's presented at table. He can leave the beautiful set piece, the Waltz of the Flowers, just as it is. This is the best choreography in the show and the corps distinguished itself with ease. The Rose soloist, Nina Baratoff, showed superb legato phrasing in addition to total technical assurance. The program was not clear on who the boys were, but they were bright, attractive, sharp partners for the girls. The fast tempo was exciting. The Grand Pas de Deux, unfortunately, was not what this writer had hoped for. Diane McLarty is a woman who is dancing in spite of fundamental technical problems, so we must accept her on her own terms. She must be perfect in modern works where her scrawny lines are an asset, but she has a misconception of classical style. This misconception is that to be classical, or to dance in a pure academic style, one must have a chasteness of line and a cold, bloodless movement quality. Her Cavalier, Edward Staver, while delivering some impeccably clean male dancing, remained on the same ungracious, uninvolved level. Classical does not mean dry, empty, wooden princes and princesses. A sexiness and a fragrance of Romanticism must still come through in these strict display pieces. A fullness of execution, a generosity and a willingness to take chances must also enliven the classical canon. Something to look forward to in these dancers in the 90s. ■

Theatre Notes: A Busy Weekend At Hand

by Lou Camera
OF MGW STAFF

For those of you who are looking to do something extra in addition to the Snow White Ball, there are a number of things going on this weekend.

Progressive Praise Productions will bring back the ever popular **Romanovsky & Phillips** to Sacramento on Saturday, December 16 in the Crest Theatre. By singing about their lives as gay men with unprecedented honesty and an outrageous sense of humor, they have carved out a niche for themselves in the alternative music industry. **Romanovsky & Phillips** have developed a reputation among audiences nationwide for their witty and poignant lyrics about the joys and absurdities of being gay. The concert, which will also feature Aldo Belle, KatiBelle Collins and Lauren Mayer will benefit the River City Metropolitan Community Church New Building Fund, Toys for Tots and Canned Food Drive. The event will begin at 8 p.m. at the Crest Theatre on K Street Mall at 10th Street. Tickets are $12.50 in advance at all BASS outlets, the Crest, and Judy's Books or $15.00 at the door.

The **Sacramento Master Singers,** under the direction of Ralph Hughes, will present their annual Christmas concert on Saturday, December 16 at 8 p.m. in Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Avenue. The "Magnificat" by Bach will be featured, as well as pieces by Barber, Britten and Rutter and seasonal carols (including some audience participation). The group, known for its a cappella singing, will also be performing with a string quartet and festival orchestra. Tickets are $5.00 in advance and $6.00 at the door. Call 972-9886 or 925-3159 for information.

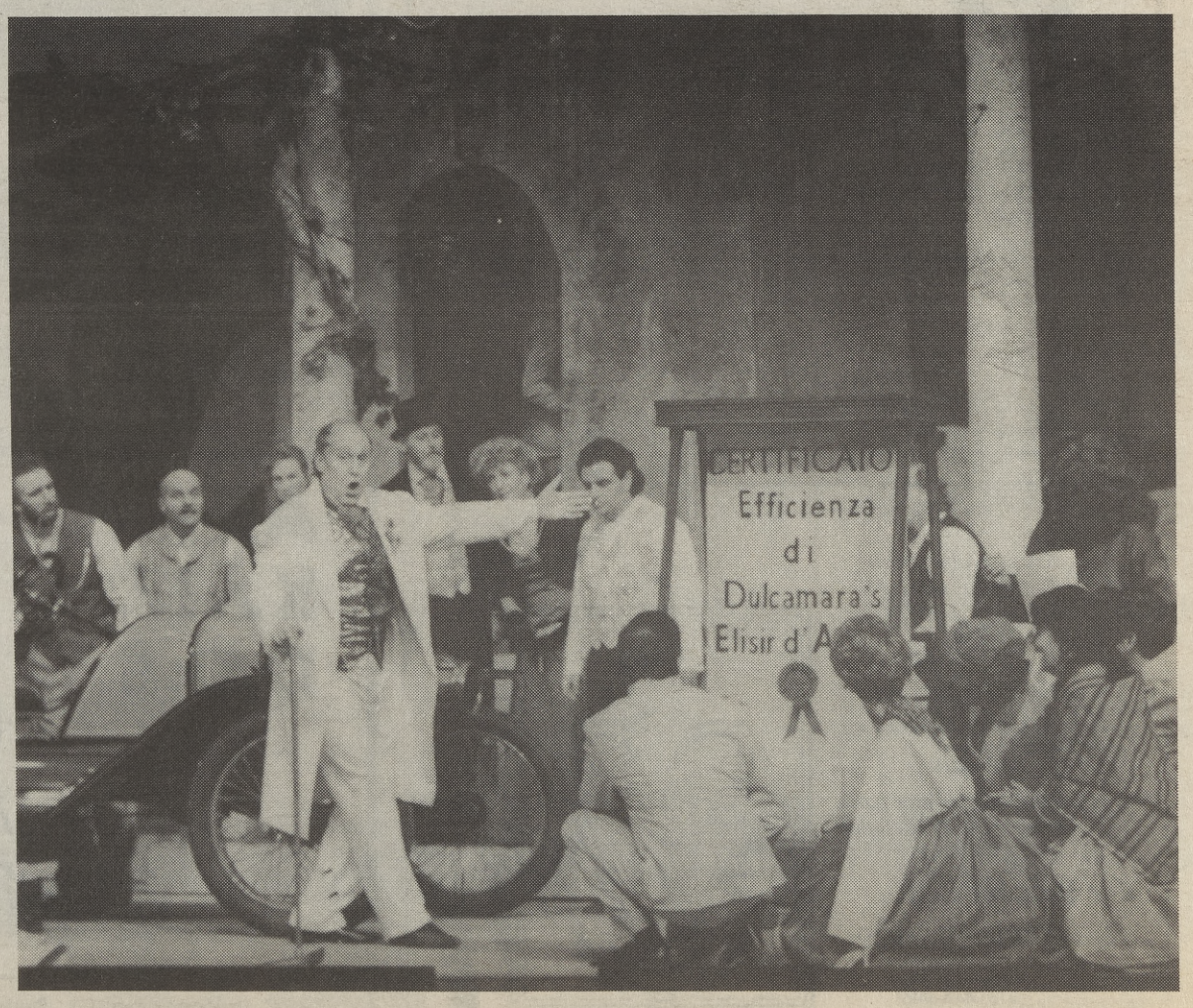
The **Lambda Players** will have the final performances of their inaugural production, **T-Shirts,** on Saturday and Sunday, December 16 and 17. The topic is life, the characters are gay, and the wisecracks never stop. The underlying message is about today's society, both gay and non-gay, and cuts through and touches all. Presented at the Lambda Community Center at 20th and L streets, tickets ($4) are very limited and may be reserved by calling 442-0185.

Final performances of **Sacramento City Actor's Theatre** productions of Alan Ayckbourn's comedy-drama, **Season's Greetings** and Storytime Players' **Frosty's Christmas** will take place this weekend. **Season's Greetings,** a main stage production, will be presented on Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16 at 8 p.m. The story begins on Christmas Eve and tells of a family over the next three days. It reminds many of the reasons some choose to see their relatives only on the holidays and then for only short periods. The play is not recommended for children and there is no late seating. For tickets, please call the box office at 449-7228.

Storytime Players is well known for their outstanding children's theatre productions. They will have the final performance of **Frosty's Christmas Story** on Saturday, December 16 at 1 p.m. at the Art Court Theatre on the Sacramento City College campus. **Frosty's Christmas Story** was written by local Sacramento playwright Gregg Perterson and is directed by Judith Radu. Admission is only $3 and tickets can be reserved by calling 449-7228. ■

Enchanting 'Elixir of Love'

by Wayne R. Anderson
OF MGW STAFF



The Sacramento Opera's Nov. 17 production Donizetti's **"L'Elisir d'amore" ("The Elixir of Love")** was a glowing success, one of their finest efforts to date. The honest conviction and attractiveness of the singers made the naive story touchingly real.

With the vocal velvet of a young Luciano Pavarotti, tenor Don Bernardini made Nemorino a shy inexperienced village boy rather than a buffoon. It was easy to see why Adina might be attracted to him, especially with his good looks. His "Una furtiva lagrima" was pure honey. As an attractive Adina, soprano Kay Paschal started out sounding slightly brittle but improved as time went on. Bass Dan Sullivan made the most of the juicy role of the quack Dr. Dulcamara, and David Taft Kekuewa sang the braggart sergeant Belcore with a smooth baritone.

Karen Keltner's conducting favored lyricism but had plenty of energy, while the chorus contributed fine singing and acting. The attractive 3-dimensional sets came from the San Francisco Opera. ■

MGW PALATE

Italian Dining at CullinCini's Villa Roma

by Bil Gingrich
OF MGW STAFF

Red, white and green, the colors of Italy, have been spread generously throughout one of the newest restaurants right here in River City at the intersection of Del Paso Blvd. and Arden Way (west). Using an older red brick building, adding structural supports, and leaving the bare brick, the owner has added some white walls and ceiling — and a new/old dark stained bar. The space is divided between the bar-lounge and the dining room. The overall effect is a friendly, festive, and comfortable place.

In the dining room the colors are continued in the linen, one wall mural, and flowers. The very high ceiling is accentuated with two large brass chandeliers. Black leather booths along the walls and tables for two, four and six offer a variety of seating. (There is another private dining room for large groups.)

The menu is definitely "Roma" with two main divisions. One listing is several typical pastas, all reasonably priced. These dishes are enhanced with well seasoned tomato-based sauces. The other listing is more continental and offers a variety of meats, fish, and chicken. Antipasto is served and very good bread comes to the table warm with whipped butter and a seasoned soft cream cheese spread. And, of course, a good spumone ice cream is offered along with other dessert choices. The wine list is varied and rather extensive with moderate prices.

A trip to Villa Roma is a pleasant one. It can be reached from Hwy. 160 north taking the Del Paso exit and continuing north just a few blocks; by taking business 80, taking the Arden west exit and proceeding west to Del Paso; or by taking Light Rail to the station at Arden and Del Paso. Ample parking is provided at the door. A friendly welcome and attentive and friendly service awaits you. Hours are Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.,Sun. 4 to 9 p.m. Telephone 925-5515. ■

A Gem of Eating Pleasure in S.F.

by Bil Gingrich
OF MGW STAFF

Just a half block off Polk Street (we all know Polk Street) on the north side of California Street, is truly a gem among the stones and pebbles of eating places in San Francisco. It is the Emerald Garden. Another example of space use at a premium, it is a place nestled between two buildings. Someone in the past put a roof over the space between the buildings and added a floor. The present owners of the restaurant have created an elongated tropical garden. Large paintings, like a linear art gallery, adorn the walls.

The menu is definitely Asian with emphasis on Thai cookery. The menu is extensive and varied. The selection of each item, whether it's the soup, salad or entree, is not as important as when one selects from a continental menu. Each dish is a combination of ingredients, each is unique and mostly foreign to the usual fare we have become accustomed to. Savory and succulent flavors are secreted in the combinations.

Although I have not tasted all of the many dishes offered, I will still guarantee a delightful surprise comes built into each and every one. Any hesitancy in ordering is easily overcome with the informative assistance of the waiter or host. The server, upon request, will offer suggestions as to combinations of dishes that complement one another. Even if the menu tends to intimidate you, any uneasiness soon will be relieved by the cordial and honest attention to your needs by the staff. The wine list is ample with a wide representation of varietals and standards and reasonably priced.

Another factor to add to your enjoyment will be the price of each offering as well as the total at the bottom of the bill. When all factors in evaluating the Emerald Garden are considered and added up, the sum is a very enjoyable and satisfying dining experience. ■

MGW MONEY

by Catherine Whitney and Linda Killick
OF MGW STAFF

With a new decade just a few months away, we need to review how the world of investing has changed and look ahead to see where we will get the best return on our hard earned dollars.

Over the last decade we have seen the emergence of a global economy and this trend will continue in the '90s. The advent of computers and program trading, and the large amounts of institutional funds available, have greatly changed the stock market. The total number of shares of stock have been reduced through take-overs and mergers of companies. The types of investments available have proliferated to the point where people need professional help to understand what vehicle would be best for their particular situations.

Basically, there are two ways to make your money grow: 1) Equity based assets, such as real estate, a business, or a piece of a business, (a stock). Your ownership entitles you to a share of the profits and on the sale of the asset you make money in its increase in value. 2) Debt based assets, such as savings accounts, CDs, money market accounts, and bonds. You earn money by letting someone else use your money.

Over the next few columns, I will go into more detail on all of these investments and will try to point out how our changing world will affect them. ■

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MGW FLASH!

by John Batchelor
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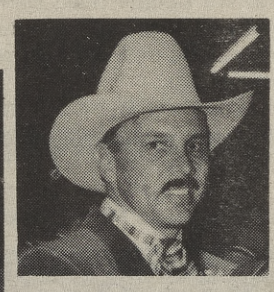
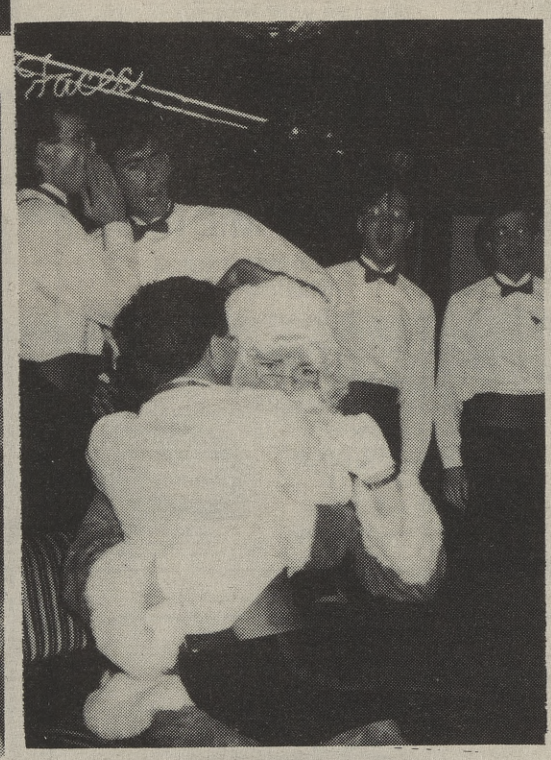
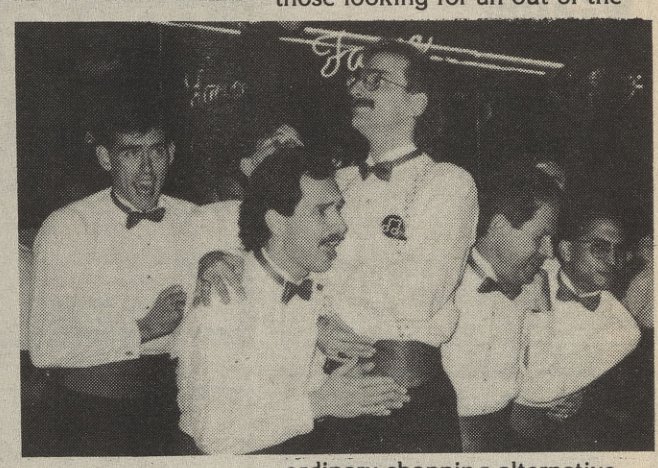
For phone numbers and details on events mentioned in this column, check the calendar and organization information in the back of the paper.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! • The event that helped me get into the holiday spirit was undoubtedly the **Sacramento Men's Chorus** Winter Concert Series. The challenging music was certainly enjoyable under the direction of **Curt Filer.** The debut of **Steve Mabs'** Entourage warmed my heart as did the grand opening of the show. It was surprising however to see many of the soloists holding music. There were two soloists (names withheld to protect the guilty) who performed the same song on alternate nights who did not use music. Strange as it seems they **both** forgot the words! In any case, Kudos to all involved, including the **Sacramento Women's Chorus.** You are the ones making a difference • The **Men's Health Newsletter** reports that new studies (still in the preliminary stages) are shedding light on the origins of sexual preference. Their hypothesis suggests that stressed mothers may give birth to gay men! Women are different though, the stress factor only seems to apply to men. Lately a great deal of research has been done on stress. High stress is responsible for **everything** and now even for a man's orientation • The August 1990 **Gay Games** are not far away. Sacramento SAGA III teams are gearing up for a super showing. There are still a couple weeks to sign up to participate. Get involved and support the teams on or off the field. • The **Bohemians of Oak Park** Potluck was a success. My roomie, **Martin Casey** filled in for me and reports that the **Marshack/Rasmussen** home should be featured in "Homes Beautiful!" And a fond farewell to Martin as he journeys to Santa Barbara (poor guy!) to complete his graduate studies • For a gay tropical paradise within the borders of the continental United States, **Key West, FL** is the answer. My all-too-short recent get-away was worth every minute and dollar. Surprisingly enough, this resort area is quite reasonable for those on a tighter budget like myself. Of course it's also quite easy to break the bank as well! • All the bars are preparing for New Year's Eve galas at present. But in the meantime, **Joseph's Town & Country** presents a family-style **Christmas Day Feast. Barbara Disney's** December 17 Christmas Party is cancelled but despair not and look forward to special events in 1990. The **Mercantile, Town House and Wreck Room** all continue to collect Toys for Tots. Faces is winding down after their very successful second annual Christmas ball, **"A Disney Country Christmas."** And the **Buffalo Club's** superb CD junkbox is perfect for the couple that wants to pick out just the right song! A friend who patronized the **Townhouse** informs me that the new flashy menu compliments the attractive neon • On the music scene, it seems **Liza Minelli** has a hit album on her hands. This disc orchestrated by the **Pet Shop Boys** is playing in every hair salon around town • **David Marshall Grant** comes to the small screen on ABC's **thirtysomething** as one half of a gay couple. Stay tuned and watch what kind of character development we get out of this courageous programming • **k.d. lang** recently took Sacramento by storm at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom. The **Sacramento Bee** review claims that lang is on the brink of fame. Many of my women and men friends feel the same • Women interested in support groups have several options these days. **Kate Guzman's** program offers ways to reduce holiday stress. **Teresa Phillips** offers a group process entitled **"Tending the Garden."** Also, check throughout **MGW** for many other suggestions in this area • You know me and dancing — word was sent my way that there is a gay ballroom dance club or bar in San Francisco. Does anyone know where it is? Why don't we start one here! • The **Positive Social Support Newsletter (PSSN)** hosts the "Being Alive" Holiday Potluck on December 28 at the Lambda Center. Scheduled to perform are **Robby and The River City Queens.** (cute huh?) And barely a week before that, PSSN has sent out 1000 invitations for their **Singles Potluck Holiday Party.** The festivities are open to folks who are HIV positive or who are open to meeting and dating HIV positive people. For the location of the singles party, call Art Jackson at 447-5925 • There's still time to catch SAF's final **Buddy Connection** of 1989. This safe-sex workshop is December 18 at 1900 K Street • A support group for Latin men and women infected with and affected by HIV is being offered at SAF. **Grupo Latino,** facilitated by **Patricia Ozuna,** L.C.S.W. and **Roberta Garcia** meets on December 18 • The "other columnist" **Dan Palomino** (aka: Louella Parsons) is returning to the ice rink. (It's rumored he skated in a past life.) After observing this phenomenon, some of the skating moves resembled my Cinderella stunt antics. In any case, tighten up that tush and keep the faith • The **Lambda Center** changes for the better all the time. The facility hosts many groups, presents plays and provides a community bulletin board (a rarity anywhere nowadays). The downstairs renovations are also beginning to surface • To elaborate on the Lambda Center's premier production: **Robert Patrick's T-shirts** plays through December 17 in the intimate (and I mean intimate) Lambda Theatre • Until next year (1990!) take a moment and call that long lost friend. • Adding to the culture within the local community are true works of art by **Art Farmer.** Art's innovative photography is currently on display at the **Terra Roxa Cafe.** Don't miss it! • Oakville in Napa is in the site of **Paul Nicholson's** new **Ambrose Heath.** The Sacramento location was sold. Best of luck in the beautiful wine country • For those looking for an out of the ordinary shopping alternative, **Chuck Miller** has opened an art gift store called **Intrigues.** The store at 10th and J streets features original works by leading Northern California artists • The **Sacramento Bee** recently pictured **Marilyn Gearhart** performing and **Gail Kelly,** proprietor of **Muffins Inc.,** delivering fresh baked pies. It was all part of the festivities surrounding a Thanksgiving dinner put on for the homeless by St. Francis Church • In other Thanksgiving stories, John Moore reports that **Hope House** residents celebrated with friends, hand-to-hand matches and others. **Barbara Moore** and volunteers prepared a traditional feast that was complimented by good company and conversation. ■

— John







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December

15 Friday

►**Seasons Greetings,** Sacramento City Actors Theatre, Art Court Theatre, 3835 Freeport Blvd., $5-$7, 449-SCAT.

►**A Christmas Carol,** Sacramento Theatre Co., 1419 H St., $16-$19, 8pm, 443-6722,

►**The Nutcracker,** Community Center, $12-$60, 8pm, 444-2491.

►**Lust and Pity,** Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., SF, $8-$15, 8pm, (415) 861-5079.

►**"Nutcracker Sweetie,"** Dance Brigade, 8pm, Scottish Rite Auditorium, 1547 Lakeside Dr., Oakland, $14, $12 matinee, Bass/Ticketmaster, (415) 652-5322 info.

►**Barefoot in the Park,** Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd., Res. required 985-6361.

►**Valley Knights** have placed food barrels in the local bars to benefit Hand to Hand, Mike 455-6540.

►**Gay & Lesbian Outreach,** Cable Ch 47, 3pm.

16 Saturday

►**Gay & Lesbian Outreach,** Cable Ch 47, 10am.

►**Seasons Greetings,** Sacramento City Actors Theatre, Art Court Theatre, 3835 Freeport Blvd., $5-$7, 8pm, 449-SCAT.

►**Carols in the Caves,** Rutherford Hill Winery near Napa, (707) 963-9630.

►**A Christmas Carol,** Sacramento Theatre Co., 1419 H St., $16-$19, 8pm, 443-6722.

►**The Nutcracker,** see Dec. 15.

►**Lust and Pity,** see Dec. 15.

►**"T-Shirts,"** Lambda Community Center Players, Curtain 8:15. Tickets $4, RSVP Neil, 442-0185.

►**Snow White Champagne Ball,** formal holiday party for women, Lincoln Plaza Atrium, $35 Adv., $45 door, 8-12:30am, 441-6397.

►**Romanovsky & Phillips,** Crest Theater, 8 p.m.

►**"Nutcracker Sweetie,"** see Dec. 15, 2pm & 8pm.

►**"Memorial Christmas Tree Decorating Party,"** in honor of those persons, remembered by friends and family,that have died due to AIDS and other catastrophic diseases during the past year; remember dear ones with a special ornament. River City MCC, 2742 34th St., 2-4pm.

►**Sing-Along Messiah,** Woodland Opera House, $3-$5, 8pm, 666-9617.

►**Sacramento Master Singers,** Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3235 Pope Ave., Christmas Concert, 8pm, $5-$6.

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

►**"Open Mike"** Drago Cafe & Gallery, 2326 K St., Bob Girasek Oil Paintings thru Jan. 13, 443-2669.

►**Townhouse Christmas Party,** by invitation.

19 Tuesday

►**Being Gay Today,** Cable Ch 47, 5pm.

►**A Christmas Carol,** 6:30pm, see Dec. 16.

►**Starlight Express,** Music Circus Winter Season, Sacramento Community Center, 8:30pm, 441-3163.

20 Wednesday

►**Being Gay Today,** Cable Ch 47, noon.

►**A Christmas Carol,** 6:30pm, see Dec. 16.

►**Starlight Express,** see Dec. 19.

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

21 Thursday

►**Being Alive Living Room,** Lambda Community Center, 2-5pm, 442-0185.

►**Candlelite Vigil for Peace,** Memorial Auditorium, 4:30-5:45pm, 456-2616.

►**Gay & Lesbian Outreach,** Cable Ch 47, 8pm.

►**A Christmas Carol,** 8pm, see Dec. 16.

►**Starlight Express,** see Dec. 19.

►**Bereavement Group** for parents and family members of persons who have died of AIDS; Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 4641 Marconi Ave., 7pm, free, 483-5691 or 456-9642.

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

22 Friday

►**Gay & Lesbian Outreach,** Cable Ch 47, 3pm

►**"Apartment Zero"** opens at Tower Theatre ⬇ bizarre film with gay theme.

►**Sacramento Symphony,** Family Holiday Concert, 7pm, Community Center Exhibit Hall, $15, $10, 649-0200.

►**PSSN Holiday Singles Party,** Potluck, 7:30pm private home-midtown, 447-5925.

►**A Christmas Carol,** 8pm, see Dec. 16.

►**Starlight Express,** see Dec. 19.

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

23 Saturday

►**A Christmas Carol,** 2 & 8pm, see Dec. 16.

►**Starlight Express,** also 2:30pm, see Dec. 19.

►**Happy Chanukah!!!**

"Apartment Zero" opens at Tower Theatre Dec. 22

17 Sunday

►**Carols in the Caves,** Rutherford Hill Winery, see Dec. 16.

►**The Nutcracker,** 2pm, see Dec. 15.

►**Poetry Readings,** Boris Vetter, Kenny Carlson, William James, Webber's Book Shop, 2107 P St., $2, 8pm, 446-9346.

►**A Christmas Carol,** 2 & 7pm, see Dec. 16.

►**"T-Shirts,"** see Dec. 16.

►**Nutcracker Sweetie,** 2pm & 8pm, see Dec. 15.

►**"A Gift of Laughter,"** holiday benefit for Shanti Project, featuring Romanovsky & Phillips, 7:30pm, Herbst Theatre, SF, $15-$30, Myron (415) 777-2273.

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

18 Monday

►**A Christmas Carol,** 6:30pm, see Dec. 16.

►**Women's Rap & Social,** Open Rap, Lambda Center, 7-9pm, 442-0185.

►**Sacramento Chapter PFLAG,** rap session. Will Green MD, Val Winn, MSN, facilitators, 7:30pm, 444-9510.

►**Being Gay Today,** Cable Ch 47, 10pm.

►**Sacramento Symphony,** Family Holiday Concert, 3pm, see Dec. 22.

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

24 Sunday

►**Christmas at the Zoo** — free admission, 3930 W. Land Park Dr. 11am, 449-5885

►**Christmas Eve Services,** St. Francis Church, 26th & K, 11:15pm, doors open 10:30pm.

►**River City MCC, 34th & Broadway, 11am regular service, 6pm-singing service, 11pm, Christmas Eve service.**

►**A Christmas Carol,** 2pm, see Dec. 16.

►**Starlight Express,** 2:30 & 7:30pm, see Dec. 19.

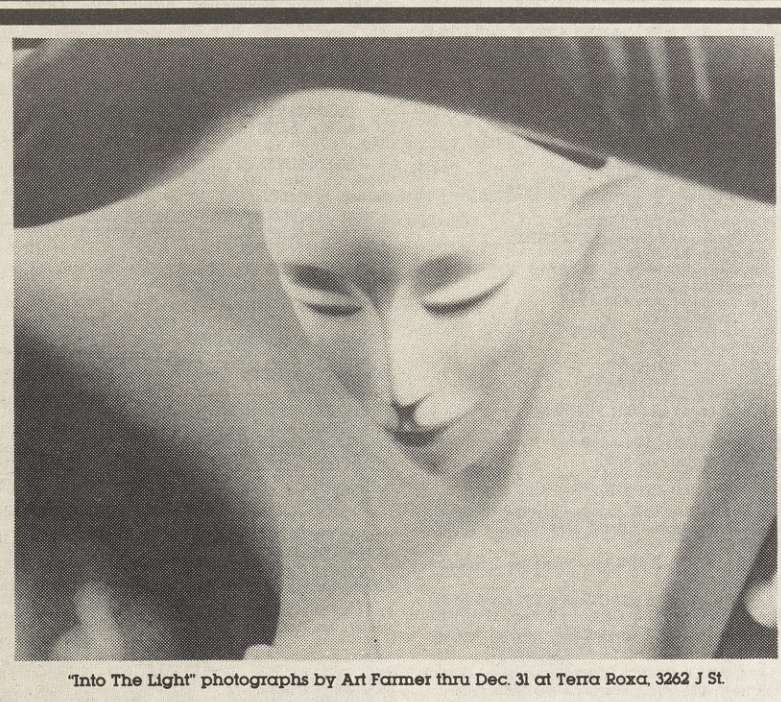
►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

25 Monday

►**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

►**Christmas Day Feast,** Joseph's Town & Country Inn, 2062 Auburn Blvd., noon-5pm.

►**Christmas Day Mass,** St. Francis Church, 26th & K St., 9am ONLY.



"Into The Light" photographs by Art Farmer thru Dec. 31 at Terra Roxa, 3262 J St.

►**"Outlook" monthly lesbian/gay video show from SF, 10:30pm, Cable Ch 47, Women Take Back The Night, SF Supervisor Harry Britt discusses revival of Domestic Partners, gay Christmas shopping.**

26 Tuesday

►**A Christmas Carol,** 6:30pm, see Dec. 16.

►**Outlook,** see Dec. 25, 5:30pm.

27 Wednesday

►**Sacramento Kings v. Boston Celtics,** Arco Arena, 928-8499.

►**A Christmas Carol,** 2 & 6:30pm, see Dec. 16.

►**Outlook,** see Dec. 25, 12:30pm.

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

28 Thursday

►**Being Alive Program/PSSN Holiday Potluck Party,** Lambda Community Center, 7pm, entertainment by "Robbie and the River City Queens," bring your favorite dish and/or beverage, 442-0185.

►**Being Alive Living Room,** see Dec. 21.

►**Bereavement Support Group,** see Dec. 21.

►**Lambda Comm. Ctr.** Xmas Party Potluck, 7:30pm.

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

29 Friday

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

►**MGW staff Christmas Party,** by invitation.

30 Saturday

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15.

►**Lynyrd Skynyrd,** Arco Arena, 928-8499.

31 Sunday

►**Barefoot in the Park,** see Dec. 15. Special New Year's Eve performance and dancing.

►**Disney Magical Masquerade Ball,** $500 in prizes, FACES, 448-7798.

►**"Welcome to the Gay Nineties,"** Joseph's Town and Country, 10pm, also, complimentary breakfast 12:30am-6am, 649-9248.

►**"Ballet and Bubbly,"** Capitol City Ballet annual New Years Eve "Fun-Raising" Party, dinner, performance, dancing, $50-$60/person, res. required. 451-7437, Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24 St.

►**Black & White Ball,** Sacramento Symphony League, 7pm, Sacramento Community Center, 649-0300.

►**Western Roundup New Years Eve Dance;** fundraiser for living sober '90; 9:30pm-1am; First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St., SF; $6-$12, David (415) 861-3761, Rose (415)931-7462.

►**The White Party,** Wood's Resort, Guerneville, 10pm-4am, $10, (707) 869-0111.

January

1 Monday

►**Happy New Year**

2 Tuesday

►**Michael Himovitz Gallery** celebrates a decade of Artistic Achievement — a 2- week birthday celebration of artists' interpretations of the birthday cake in their media of choice, thru Jan. 13, 11-4pm, 1020 10th St. 448-8723.

3 Wednesday

►**Barefoot in the Park,** Garbeau's Dinner Theatre, 12401 Folsom Blvd. Rancho Cordova. Res. required 985-6361.

►**Outdoor Adventures of Sacramento** potluck/meeting; Stan 441-3285 or Rick 441-2236.

4 Thursday

►**Barefoot in the Park** (see Jan. 3)

►**Being Alive Living Room,** drop in social setting for persons with AIDS and HIV disease, 2-5pm, Lambda Community Center, 442-0185.

►**Bereavement Support Group** for parents and family members of persons who have died of AIDS, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 4641 Marconi Ave., Fireside Room, free, 7pm, 483-5691.

5 Friday

►**Barefoot in the Park** (see Jan. 3)

►**GAY GAMES III** early registration deadline, 443-6440.

►**Jackie MOMS Mabley,** Chautauqua Playhouse. 5325 Engle Rd., Ste. 100, Carm. 489-7529, 8pm.

►**PILLARS,** 6pm, Sierra Inn, 455-1771.

►**Sacramento Symphony,** Masterworks, Community Center Theater, $12-$22, 8pm, 649-0300.

6 Saturday

►**Barefoot in the Park** (see Jan. 3).

►**"A Rare Event,"** The Great Sacramento Rare Book and Ephemera Show and Sale," collectible book and paper show and sale, 10am-5pm, Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn, $3, 443-6223.

►**Photography on the Border of Reality,** Matrix Gallery, 1725 I St., reception, 7-9pm, exhibition thru Feb. 2; 441-4818.

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1990

January

5 Friday

►**Gay Games III** early registration deadline for Vancouver. 443-6440.

March

10, 11 Sat./Sun.

►**P.A.A.R.C.,** Performing Artists for AIDS Related Charities, 3rd Annual, Roby Becker, 373-0035.

23 Friday

►**Sacramento Ballet's 35th Anniversary Gala,** Summerset. 444-2491.

April

28 Saturday

►**Names Project Quilt in Sacramento,** Convention Center, thru Sun., 441-6428.

►**Zana Blazer Annual Women's Invitational Golf Tournament.**

May

20 Sunday

►**Sacramento AIDS Walk.**

25-28 Friday-Monday

►**California Men's Gathering,** Saratoga. Info 739-8132.

June

11 Saturday

►**CAP/PAC Annual Dinner,** Radisson Hotel.

20 Wednesday

►**6th International Conference on AIDS,** San Francisco. (415) 550-0880.

24 Sunday

►**SF Gay Pride Parade.**

28 Thursday

►**National NOW Conference** thru July 1, San Francisco.

30 Saturday

►**National Day of Mourning** for the Right to Privacy.

August

4 Saturday

►**Celebration '90:** Gay Games III and Cultural Festival, thru Aug. 11, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

October

28 Saturday

►**Olivia Record's Caribbean Cruise for Women,** thru Nov. 4. (415) 655-0364.

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• **AIDS FOUNDATION**—1900 K St., Suite 201. AIDS info.,referrals, education, counseling. 448-AIDS.

• **ADULT CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS (ACA)**—Sat. 12:30-2pm. No smoking 2741 34th (MCC Church) 381-2175

• **ACROPOLIS Computer Service for Men**—4620 Hazel Ave. F.O. 95628, 300/1200/2400, 8/N/1, Will, Robert, 967-5817

• **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**—McKinley Park Group, Room A. Tues 8pm. 601 Alhambra Blvd. 454-1100.

Lambda Group, St. Joseph's Hall, S. Church & Chapel St., Grass Valley. Tues, 7pm., Non-smoking.

North Hall Group: MCC, 2741-34th St.: Mon. 8pm; Tue. 6pm - Women; Wed. 6pm and 8pm -no smoking; Thu. 8pm; Fri. 8pm and 10pm; Sat. 8pm; Sun. 6pm - Men's and 8pm.

• **BARBARY COAST BOATING CLUB**—Sac Delta, SF Bay. 847 Oak St., San Francisco, CA 94117, (415) 255-1049 or (916) 972-9317.

• **CAPITAL CITY SQUARE DANCE CLUB**—Beginners: Tue., 6:30-8p.m., William Land School, 12th and V St. Plus 8-9:30pm, George Fox 447-2271.

• **DISCOVER SACRAMENTO HOTLINE**—449-5566.

• **GAY & LESBIAN UNIVERSITY OF CALIF. EMPLOYEES**—John Bennett, 457-3634.

• **GAY FATHERS OF SAC**—2nd Sun. potluck/discussion, 456-3237

• **G.G.N.I.E.**—Box 160636, 95816. 1st Tue., Faces, 7:30pm. Last Tues., Bd. Mtg. 447-0345, 927-9540.

• **LANDLORD/TENANT PROBLEMS**— Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission's Landlord-tenant line, 444-0178. 2131 Capitol Ave, Ste. 206.

• **LAMBDA COMMUNITY FUND**—Box 163654, 95816. Jerry 381-3115. 442-0185

• **NATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN CRISISLINE**—1-800-SOS-GAYS or 1-800-767-4297

• **N.O.W.**—Third Wed each month, 7-9pm, Clunie Center, 601 Alhambra Blvd. Free childcare. 443-3470.

• **NUDE EXCHANGE (NTE), Box 1624, No. Hlnds, 95660**

• **OUR RIVER CITY FAMILY, Sonny, John, 925-4667.**

• **OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**—of Sac., Monthly potluck meeting. 1st Wed. Stan 441-3285

• **PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS**—555 Vallombrosa, #73, Chico. 3rd Sun., 1pm. 891-5718.

• **PARENTS & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS & GAYS**—Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson H St., 3rd Tues. 7:30pm, Merrill Follansbee, 444-9510 or Box 660955, Sac. 95866.

• **PEOPLE TOGETHER**—spiritual, social support group for HIV positive, ARC/AIDS, catastrophic illness, friends, lovers, etc., meets every Tues., 7 p.m. Met. MCC. Betty 454-4762.

• **PET LOSS**—752-4200

• **PILLARS**—Social group, alternating Friday 6:30pm. 455-1771.

• **PRIME 8's**—Advanced Square Dancing Club. Mon 7-9pm. Joseph's Town and Country Inn.

• **RIVER CITY BOWLERS**—6pm Southbowl, Sun., Paul Schierenberg — 927-5431

• **SAC ATHLETIC GAMES ASSOC.**—(SAGA III Team Sacramento) Board meeting quarterly, 1st Thurs. 7pm. 443-6440. COORDINATORS:

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Men's Sports 451-5996
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Basketball (m) 455-4991
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• **AFFIRMATION**—United Methodists for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, Ellie, Jeanne, 489-2340

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• **ZEN BUDDHIST GROUP**—Mon, 7pm, 925-0704, Brian.

Student

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• **GAYS & LESBIANS AT ARC**—Thur 11am Dr. Johns. 484-8340.

• **CHICO STATE GAY/LESBIAN UNION**—CSU Chico, 95926.

• **GAYS & LESBIAN ALLIANCE OF SAC STATE**—(G.L.A.S.) CSUS, 6000 J St., Box 33, 95819, Thu. 8-9:30pm, Gwyn 485-4531.

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Social

• **IF THE SHOE FITS**—Box 2030, Cameron Park, 95682. El Dorado Lesbian/Gay Network. Potluck 3rd Sat. , 6263494.

Women

• **BOUND & DETERMINED**—Box 5014, 95817. Woman-to-woman S/M support group.

• **CAMPING WOMEN**—Sac Chapter, Gail 689-9326. Camille 662-0460, Box 13261, 95813

• **CSUS WOMEN'S CENTER**—6000 'J' St., 95819. 278-7388.

• **DAVIS WOMEN'S READING CIRCLE**—Last Thurs., Christine (916) 758-2875.

• **EL DORADO WOMEN'S CENTER**—3133 Gilmore Street, Placerville, 95667. 626-1450 or 626-1131.

• **FOOTHILLS ALTERNATIVE WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER**—(FAWN) Nevada, Placer, & El Dorado Co. (916) 272-6544 or (916) 265-9312

• **FREE WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP**—every Wed. 7-8:30pm, Chemical Dependency Center, 1507 21st Street, Ste. 100, Facilitator Claudia Boyd, 448-2951.

• **LEATHER AND LACE**—Motorcycle Club. Box 163044, 95816, 452-7467.

• **LESBIAN RIGHTS PROJECT**—1370 Mission St., SF 94103. Public interest law firm.

• **LESBIAN CRISIS LINE**—M-F 3-9 p.m. EST, 1-800-221-7044.

• **NAT'L. ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN**—Box 1404, 95807.

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• **SOLANO COUNTY GAY INFO LINE**—Women Preferring Women. Vacaville 707/448-1010, 707/449-0550 Dathy, Box 9, Vacaville 95686.

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• **SPOKES WOMYN CYCLING CLUB**—Box 162784, 95816 447-6270/441-0967.

• **WOMEN'S RAP GROUP AND SOCIAL**—Mon., 7-9pm Lambda Center, 1931 L Street, Laura, 682-5481 Msg..

• **WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE**—of Sutter Community Hospital, 733-3000

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Holiday Hazards

by Jim Czalowski, D.V.M.
OF MGW STAFF

A Word About
The Christmas Puppy

I may be a Scrooge but I do not recommend that you give someone a new puppy or kitten for Christmas. The Christmas holiday is an exciting and hectic time, and a poor time to adjust a small nervous puppy or kitten to a new household. With all the comings and goings and festivities, the new pup is usually neglected as an afterthought or excessively handled. Either scenario results in a severely stressed and anxious animal. This stress leads to digestive upsets (diarrhea, vomiting, anorexia) and a lowered immune status that can lead to secondary infections. Also the stressed pup or kitten may develop behavioral problems that carry on into later life. If your heart is set on a Christmas pup, introduce the puppy or kitten to the household **AFTER** the New Year so the pet has a chance to acclimate to the new home through quiet attention and slow exploration.

Furthermore, many pups are purchased around Christmas on impulse without careful consideration whether the recipient truly wants a pet or the wrong type of pet is chosen. As a result, the week after Christmas is one of the biggest weeks for animals abandoned at local animal shelters. The SPCA is full of unwanted pets that need good homes. However, please do not select a pet on a whim. Please give it serious thought before hand.

The SPCA does offer Christmas gift certificates which include the entire cost of adoption plus the cost of spaying neutering. These certificates are a perfect present under the Christmas tree. So **AFTER** the excitement of the holidays, your friend can choose his or her own companion from the SPCA and grant that special pup or kitten the best fit of all — a warm and happy home!

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Holiday Dangers!

Beware! The holidays are a very happy time for everyone, including your pets, but many of the holiday trappings are deadly to pets. Cats and dogs are fascinated and excited by all the new items about the house — tinsel, wrapping paper, ribbons, pine needles, electric cords, chains of lights, etc. All these bright colorful objects are attractive to your pets and are usually explored by chewing and tasting and unfortunately often swallowed. These foreign bodies in the gastrointestinal tract wreak havoc. The resulting illness can range from mild diarrhea to explosive vomiting with bloody stools. The worse scenario occurs when this foreign object lodges in the tract. If left undiagnosed or untreated, the obstruction will kill the pet. Surgery is usually the only way to extract the blockage. So please be careful with leaving your pet unattended around these tasty temptations.

Another hazard this time of year is poisonings. Accidental deaths from toxin exposure is common this time of year. Poinsettias and mistletoe are toxic to cats and dogs. The water that is used to hydrate the Christmas tree is often treated with chemical agents that are caustic to your animals. So do not let them drink from the basin of water that the tree stands in. Another toxin to animals that many people are not aware of is chocolate. Chocolate in excess amounts can be fatally toxic to pets. So be careful with the treats.

Finally and probably most important, each year at least one animal arrives in my clinic with either severe burns or neurologic damage from chewing on an electric cord. So please hide the cords or place them out of reach of the animal.

These holidays are an exciting time for you and your pets, and with a little care the holidays should be **SAFE** too!

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Dr. Jim is a graduate of the University of Missouri Veterinary School in Columbia. He located in Sacramento in 1985. While he was working at a local veterinary hospital, he met John Clements, an L.V.N. who is now his partner and office manager in their new venture The Pocket South Pet Hospital. He shares his home with "family members" Kirby and Mindy, both Dalmations. ■

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MGW HIV NEWSLINE

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

Needle Sharing Solution?

■ A one-shot syringe that can be programmed to seal itself off within a minute after delivering an injection may slow the spread of epidemics such as AIDS and hepatitis B. One of every four cases of AIDS involves an intravenous drug user who got the illness by sharing needles. The syringe, designed at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, is being tested in Bangkok. Of course, if distribution of these needles remains criminal as is current state law, there will be no benefits seen.

Public Still Misinformed...

■ A large and growing segment of the public, (about 44 percent), still mistakenly believes that AIDS can be spread by donating blood, according to the most recent Gallup poll. About 11 percent think you can get AIDS from toilet seats, and about seven percent believe you can become ill by working near a person with the disease.

Positives Singles Party...

■ Potluck Holiday Party beginning at 7:30 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 22, for people with HIV and others who are seeking romantic encounters. Call Arturo at 447-5925 for address.

LAMBDA Holiday Party...

■ All are invited to a potluck at Lambda Community Center on Thursday, Dec. 28, beginning at 7 p.m. Miss Robby and the River City Queens will provide dazzling entertainment.

More Cheer From Robby...

■ Don't miss the holiday review at Joseph's Town and Country beginning at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15. Robby Becker, director and producer of PAARC (Performing Artists for AIDS-Related Charities), is coordinating a holiday drag show with Santa and Mz. Claws, and special entertainment by renowned Sacramento singers Tracy McBroom and "Open Road," featuring Steve Van Dyke and Jim Ralston, and other special guests ($8 at the door). Throughout the season, contact Robby at 373-0035 if someone you know is hospitalized with an HIV-related illness and Robby will arrange for a personal visit by Santa and Mz. Claws.

Burial Confusion...

■ Articles in recent local and national publications have stated that a person who dies of AIDS must be cremated. This is entirely untrue. Shop around, as difficult as this may seem, for a mortuary prior to the death of a loved one so that you will know who to call when death occurs. Select a funeral home that is ethical enough to let you have the burial of your choice. Some charge up to $300 extra to "handle" the body of a person who has died of AIDS, even though taking care of communicable diseases is supposed to be covered within their usual fee. Others will not allow viewing because they do not do embalming of PWAs and will only do cremations, at additional cost. Shop also for a cemetery that treats you with respect — it is ridiculous to lower a casket into the ground while wearing rubber gloves as some cemeteries have been known to do. More on this in upcoming articles.

CARES Receives Grant

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently awarded a $127,595 one-year grant to the Center for AIDS Research Education and Services — Sacramento (CARES) as part of a $3.5 million nationwide grant package to help organizations develop models of HIV care.

The new program of HRSA grants directed to HIV care is intended to help determine the needs and demands of the HIV population, identify service providers and resource requirements, and plan for coordinated care systems.

"The HRSA grant will help us fulfill our role as a regional AIDS service and education facility," said CARES Administrator Susan Rooney. "Programs resulting from the grant will benefit HIV patients in Sacramento, Yolo, Placer and El Dorado Counties.

CARES was one of 22 organizations nationally to receive a HRSA grant, and one of 12 recipients in the category designated for metropolitan areas with between 100 and 400 AIDS cases.

Located at 2710 Capitol Avenue, CARES is a 3,200 square foot modern facility that is licensed by the state of California as a community clinic. Established in May 1989 with grants from 11 area hospitals and the Sierra Foundation, CARES, a not-for-profit organization, provides case management and medical treatment to HIV positive patients. ■

Be Prepared...

■ Have your legal affairs in order so that your partner knows your wishes about health care, so that his or her interests will be protected in the event of your death. The AIDS Legal Referral Panel provides free services to anyone who is positive with HIV. As difficult as it may be for you to do this, don't put it off until you become ill. A mountain of trouble and heartache may well be avoided for your loved ones if these simple precautions are taken. Call the Panel at 444-6760 and ask about wills, domestic partnership agreements, and the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.

Condom Study Questioned...

■ It's not proven that the recently-released UCLA study comparing condom brands has demonstrated in any way signficant differences among brands or manufacturers of condoms, says a National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Scientific Review Panel. They said that the small number of condoms tested per manufacturer lot led them to question both the HIV leakage and HIV/spermicide-inactivation data. The panel referred to the "marginal differences" among brands, and stresses that "any brand is preferable to using none for disease prevention."

Editor's note: Thank you to Dr. Sandy Pomerantz for his continuing medical oversight of the information provided on the* HIV Newsline *page. ■

HIV Resources

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

1) HIV Positive Support Group, first and third Wednesday, 8 pm, CARES Clinic, 448-2437.

2) Alternative Treatments Workshop, second Saturday, 2 pm, Sutter General 486-2566.

3) HIV/ARC/AIDS Support, second and fourth Saturday, 1 pm, Sutter General, 924-1620.

4) Emotional and practical support, education on safe sex (Buddy Connection workshops, October 23, and November 18), and getting well for those who are HIV-free, HIV-positive, have ARC or AIDS: call Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, 448-2437.

5) AIDS Response Prog ams (STOP AIDS, Being Alive, other support and education get-togethers), Call Lambda Community Center at 442-0185.

6) Support For Partners, Family or Friends, Mondays 6 pm to 8 pm, Sharon Hartley and Charla Wistos, 454-1655.

7) Anonymous Testing for HIV, Capitol Health Center, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm, call for appointment.

8) Confidential Testing and Drug Treatment, Aquarian Effort, call for appointment, 446-6467.

9) Positive Support Newsletter, bi-monthly, call 447-5925.

10) Project Inform hotline (answers to all your questions!), 1-800-334-7422.

11) MCC People Together, Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church, call 454-4762.

12) HIV Positive Latinos Support Group, every other Monday, 6 pm, call Robert Garcia at 448-2437. ■

MGW OBITUARY

DON F. DINGLER

Don F. Dingler, of Sacramento, died on December 1, 1989.

A native of Philadelphia, PA, he was a graduate of Archbishop Ryan High School and had an A.A. from Temple University. He has lived in Sacramento since 1972. An accomplished musician, he dedicated his business life to the sale, installation and tuning of, what he felt to be mankind's grandest instrument, the pipe organ. Although self-employed, he was the western epresentative for M.P. Moller, Inc. the premier American pipe organ builder of Hagerstown MD.

Don was a member of many pipe organ guilds and societies and was the driving force in bringing nationally known concert organists to the Sacramento area to perform at benefits. He was a tireless supporter of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. A world traveler, he made friends all over the world and devoted many hours to the development of his own musical skills and encouraged other musicians to develop theirs. He was a skilled athlete and won a bronze medal at the gay games in 1986.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Eleanor. He is survived by his father, Charles E., of Philadelphia; his brothers, Charles H. of Fairfield, Joseph W. of Vacaville, and Lawrence of Upper Darby, PA; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He is also survived by and will be deeply missed by his Ohana, his friends and neighbors.

A memorial celebration is scheduled for 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, at Westminster Cathedral, 1300 N St., Sacramento. All who knew Don are cordially invited. A reception will be held at the church following the ceremony.

An east coast memorial is planned for early January in a Washington D.C. cathedral and a pipe organ musical tribute to his work will be scheduled for early spring 1990.

Cremation and interment will be private. Contributions and memorials may be made to Don F. Dingler Memorial Pipe Organ Fund, Christ Unity Church, 1415 L St., Sacramento, CA 95814 or Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814. ■

Sir John Pritchard, C.B.E.

San Francisco — Renowned conductor Sir John Prit hard, C.B.E., 68, died Dec. 5, 1989 in a hospital in Daly City after a short illness. Sir John, who was music director for San Francisco Opera since the beginning of 1986, was the first person to hold the position with that company.

An acknowledged master of the works of Mozart and Rossini, Sir John made his San Francisco Opera debut with Mozart's **Cosi fan tutte** in 1970 and conducted a total of 18 productions of 14 different operas for the company.

Sir John held numerous major posts throughout the world, including chief conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra (1982-89). He was knighted in 1983 in recognition of his contribution to British musical life. There are no immediate plans for nominating his successor at San Francisco Opera at this time.

A memorial service was held at Grace Cathedral December 11, at which the Adler Fellows of the San Francisco Opera Center performed. ■

William C. Quinn

William "Bill" Chris Quinn, 38, died on December 8, 1989. He was a special education teacher for Lincoln Unified School District in Stockton. Bill also served as a volunteer , caring for many people with HIV.

A native of Tulare, CA, he was preceded in death by his father, Jim Quinn of Visalia. He is survived by his brothers, Jim, of Fresno, and John of San Francisco; and loving friends and family, Laszlo Nemeth and Rozalia Quinn and Elizabeth and Anna Harrison.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 11 at St. Francis Church. Interment was private. Memorials may be made to charities of choice. ■

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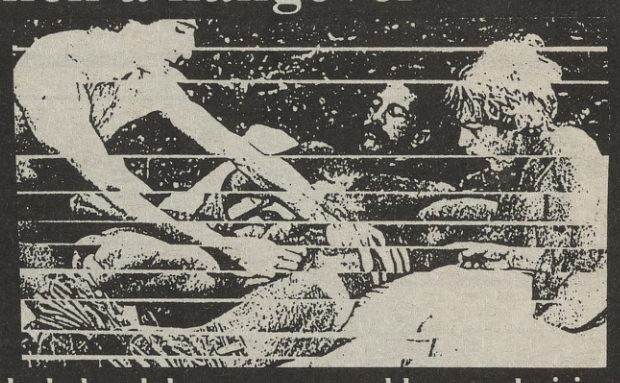

Alcohol and drugs can scramble your decisions about Unsafe Sex.

If you are having Unsafe Sex because of alcohol or drugs, you can do something about it.

Stop on your own, or if you can't, ask for help. Call the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and find out where you can get some help.

The next BUDDY CONNECTION Safe Sex Workshop is scheduled for:

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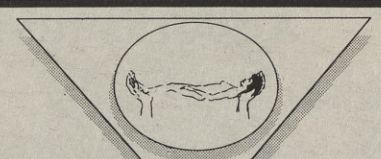

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Sacramento Theater Is On The Right Track

by Lou Camera
OF MGW STAFF

The Sacramento theater scene roars into the new decade with the high tech musical extravaganza **Starlight Express.** The spectacular production plays the Community Center December 19-24 before moving onto Los Angeles and San Francisco. This is the initial production of Music Circus' Winter Season.

Starlight Express is a unique fantasy about a cross-country train race to determine the greatest locomotive of them all. Performed entirely on roller skates, the show features a vibrant score by Andrew Lloyd Weber, the man responsible for such hits as Cats, Jesus Christ Superstar and Phantom of the Opera.

The Community Center will undergo short term alterations to accommodate this show, which is the largest and most expensive set ever constructed for a touring production. The set weighs more than 20 tons and will stretch 50 feet into the audience. There are 1000 state-of-the-art computerized moving lights; high-powered argon and krypton laser beams and quadraphonic computer-controlled sound. It takes eight 45-foot semi trailers to move the show. There is no question that there has never been a show of this magnitude in Sacramento, nor is one apt to come on the scene in the near future. The production team of Music Circus is to be commended for their commitment to improving Sacramento theater. It is hoped that they continue to be as adventuresome as they plan the summer and subsequent seasons.

Tickets for **Starlight Express** are on sale now at the Community Center Box Office, 14th and L streets, and through Bass/Ticketmaster outlets. Evening performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7:30 p.m.; matinees are Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. For further information call 449-5181. Telecharge service is available at 442-7827 or 923-BASS.■

MGW AIDS UPDATE

Untested DDI Praised By Project Inform

by Sonya Cox
OF MGW STAFF

The message from Project Inform delivered at the recent perspective meeting conducted by Joe Brewer at CSUS was pretty simple: don't be afraid to use AZT now that it's here, but get off of it and onto DDI as soon as it's available.

The experimental drug DDI (dideoxyinosine) has stirred great hope because in early trials it appears to be effective in stopping multiplication of the HIV virus while producing very few side effects. It's expected to be of great benefit to people with HIV who cannot tolerate AZT.

DDI has been looked upon as the possible answer for people who cannot tolerate AZT, which brings with it in some people side effects such as anemia. Slightly more than two years after AZT was first observed to inhibit the replication of HIV, the Food and Drug Administration was pressured into releasing it before testing could be finalized. Certainly, AZT's early release has saved thousands of lives, and continued testing has shown that early administration of the drug lowers the risk of opportunistic infections and prolonged life. But, to this day, controversy rages over the dosage necessary because the tests were never completed. Phase II test results are now being analyzed and should provide an answer, but many people are already on dosages they have become comfortable with through trial and error efforts under the supervision of their physician, and may not wish to change their current regimen no matter what the final test results are.

Brewer also noted that Project Inform is looking not only at whether it's necessary to take full dosages (12 pills a day) of AZT, but whether it's really necessary to take it every four hours. They've long supported people who skip the night doses rather than interrupt sleep, and are now looking at whether the entire day's dosage can be taken at one time, Brewer said.

But continuing AZT trials are showing that the drug has only a short "life" of more than an hour, and needs to be taken throughout the day. Remember that each person's body is different and absorbs medication at a different rate. Six AZT pills a day may not be enough for those who absorb medicine slowly, and yet six may be more than enough for the next person. What works for your best friend may not work at all for you. Work with your AIDS-knowledgeable physician and ask about dosage amounts and times drugs are taken; learn about how your own body reacts to drug combinations and therapies — take an interest in what's going on in your own body; and discuss with your physician your interest in trying untested experimental drugs.

DDI is the first drug ever given to patients after only initial toxicity tests have been completed on a handful of patients. It was recently released under the Food and Drug Administration's compassionate usage and investigational new drug criteria.

The FDA has bowed to pressure from AIDS activists to distribute DDI while it is still in a very early testing phase. Bristol Meyers, manufacturer of the drug, has said they would provide DDI free to individuals who are in failing health. The decision to make it available before Phase II testing underscores the willingness of government to speed access to promising experimental drugs.

But despite Project Inform's endorsement, other researchers urge caution because they've found that DDI causes severe side effects in high doses, and are worried that it could produce toxic effects among many PWAs (people with AIDS).

Following 10 months of use of the drug — 10 months in which no significant side effects were seen — researchers in recent weeks have seen the development of extreme pain in the feet and a swollen, painful pancreas in a few patients at middle doses, and in nearly two-thirds who get high doses. One out of the 14 testing the drug at a low dose of 500 milligrams developed severe pain; two out of eight developed side effects at doses ranging from 800-1400 milligrams; 7 of 11 testing at higher than 1400 milligrams developed side effects.

Comments from researchers include: "This seems to be a good drug, but there is a real toxicity with it. The hype has been so huge that a lot of people want it no matter what." "As many as 80 to 90 percent of drugs in trials turn out to be too toxic." "We just don't know if this drug is less toxic than AZT or if it's any more effective either." "While patients may seek unproven therapies, doctors should not put themselves in the position of sanctioning treatment with unproven and potentially highly toxic drugs."

So what is the answer? Additional drugs may counteract DDI's side effects. For those who cannot tolerate AZT, DDI may well be a godsend. Additional trials may include the testing of alternate dosages of both AZT and DDI — a month on one drug, a month on the other, a month on nothing, and then repeat. Hopefully, upcoming tests using different dosages and combinations may show DDI to be all we hope it can be.

But don't obtain DDI or any other medication through underground means. Discuss your treatment with your doctor And remember: these are highly toxic drugs and should be approached with caution.■